AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** Organic acid anion containing aluminum salt hydroxide particles represented by the following general formula (I):

$M_a[Al_{1-x}M'_x]_bA_zB_y(OH)_n \cdot mH_2O$ (I)

(wherein M is at least one cation selected from the group consisting of Na^+, K^+[[,]] and NH^{4+} ~~and H_3O^+~~, M' is at least one metal cation selected from the group consisting of Cu^{2+}, Zn^{2+}, Ni^{2+}, Sn^{4+}, Zr^{4+}, Fe^{2+}, Fe^{3+} and Ti^{4+}, A is at least one organic acid anion based on an organic acid selected from the group consisting of (i) an organic carboxylic acid having 2 to 10 carbon atoms and 1 to 4 carboxyl groups and (ii) an organic oxycarboxylic acid having 2 to 10 carbon atoms and 1 to 4 carboxyl groups, B is at least one inorganic acid anion selected from the group consisting of a sulfate ion, a phosphate ion and a nitrate ion, and a, b, m, n, x, y and z satisfy $0.7 \leq a \leq 1.35$, $2.7 \leq b \leq 3.3$, $0 \leq m \leq 5$, $4 \leq n \leq 7$, $0 \leq x \leq 0.6$, $1.7 \leq y \leq 2.4$, and $0.001 \leq z \leq 0.5$, respectively.)

2. **(Original)** The particles according to claim 1, which are represented by the formula (I) wherein a satisfies $0.9 \leq a \leq 1.2$.

3. **(Original)** The particles according to claim 1, which are represented by the formula (I) wherein b satisfies $2.8 \leq b \leq 3.2$.

4. **(Original)** The particles according to claim 1, which are represented by the formula (I) wherein m satisfies $0 \leq m \leq 2$.

5. **(Original)** The particles according to claim 1, which are represented by the formula (I) wherein n satisfies $5 \leq n \leq 6.5$.

6. **(Original)** The particles according to claim 1, which are represented by the formula (I) wherein x satisfies $0 \leq x \leq 0.3$.

7. **(Original)** The particles according to claim 1, which are represented by the formula (I) wherein y satisfies $1.8 \leq y \leq 2.2$.

8. **(Original)** The particles according to claim 1, which are represented by the formula (I) wherein z satisfies $0.01 \leq z \leq 0.4$.

9. **(Previously Presented)** The particles according to claim 1, wherein the organic acid anion (A) in the formula (I) is at least one selected from anions based on an oxalic acid, a citric acid, a citrate, a tartaric acid, a tartrate, a DL-malic acid, a gallic acid, a DL-glyceric acid and an L-lactic acid.

10-12. **(Cancelled)**

13. **(Original)** The particles according to claim 1, wherein D_{25} and D_{75} satisfy $1 < D_{75}/D_{25} < 1.8$ when particle diameters at 25% and 75% values of cumulative particle size distribution curve measured by a laser diffraction method are represented by D_{25} and D_{75}, respectively.

14. **(Original)** The particles according to claim 1, which are in the shape of grains, pairs, rectangular parallelepiped, disks (go stones), hexagonal plates, rice grains or cylinders.

15. **(Original)** The particles according to claim 1, having an average particle diameter of 0.1 to 10 μm.

16. **(Withdrawn)** A burned product obtained by burning the organic acid anion containing aluminum salt hydroxide particles of claim 1 at 300 to 1,000°C.

17. **(Original)** The particles according to claim 1, which carry a hydrolysate of a salt of at least one metal selected from the group consisting of Cu, Zn, Ni, Sn, Zr, Fe and Ti, on the surfaces thereof.

18. **(Withdrawn)** The alunite type compound particles of claim 1, having surfaces thereof treated with at least one surface treating agent selected from the group consisting of a higher fatty acid, an anionic surfactant, a phosphoric ester, a coupling agent and an ester of a polyhydric alcohol and a fatty acid.

19. **(Canceled)**

20. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 30, wherein the inorganic salt is aluminum sulfate.

21-23. **(Cancelled)**

24. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 30, wherein the heating reaction is carried out at 90 to 250°C.

25. **(Withdrawn)** A resin additive comprising the organic acid anion containing aluminum salt hydroxide particles of claim 1.

26. **(Withdrawn)** A resin composition containing the resin additive of claim 25.

27. **(Withdrawn)** An adsorbent composition containing the organic acid anion containing aluminum salt hydroxide particles of claim 1.

28. **(Withdrawn)** A dye carrier containing the organic acid anion containing aluminum salt hydroxide particles of claim 1.

29. **(Withdrawn)** An ultraviolet absorber containing the organic acid anion containing aluminum salt hydroxide particles of claim 1.

30. **(Currently Amended)** A method for producing organic acid anion containing aluminum salt hydroxide particles of claim 1, which comprises adding ~~an alkali hydroxide solution~~ a solution of a hydroxide of an ion selected from the group consisting of Na^+, K^+[[,]] and NH_4^+ ~~and H_3O^+~~ to a mixed solution comprising an organic acid or organic acid salt selected from the group consisting of (i) an organic carboxylic acid having 2 to 10 carbon atoms and 1 to 4 carboxyl groups, (ii) an organic oxycarboxylic acid having 2 to 10 carbon atoms and 1 to 4 carboxyl groups, and (iii) salts thereof, an inorganic salt of Al^{3+} selected from the group consisting of an aluminum sulfate, an aluminum phosphate and an aluminum nitrate, and a sulfate or nitrate of at least one member selected from the group consisting of Na^+, K^+[[,]] and NH_4^+ ~~and H_3O^+~~ to cause a heating reaction and produce the organic acid anion containing aluminum salt hydroxide particles of claim 1.

31. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 30, wherein the mixed solution further comprises an inorganic salt of at least one cation selected from the group consisting of Cu^{2+}, Zn^{2+}, Ni^{2+}, Sn^{4+}, Zr^{4+}, Fe^{2+}, Fe^{3+} and Ti^{4+}.

32-35. (Cancelled)

36. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 31, wherein the heating reaction is carried out at 90 to 250°C.